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Re: Plea Agreement with ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT

Dear Mr. Kapitonov:

This letter sets forth the plea agreement between your client, ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT, and the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey ("this Office").

Charge

Conditioned on the understandings specified below, this Office will accept a guilty plea from ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT, to a one count information, which charges him with illegal reentry after deportation, following conviction for an aggravated felony, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1326(a) and b(2). If ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT enters a guilty plea and is sentenced on this charge, and otherwise fully complies with all of the terms of this agreement, this Office will not initiate any further criminal charges against ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT for illegally reentering the United States after being removed from the United States in February 2013. However, in the event that a guilty plea in this matter is not entered for any reason or the judgment of conviction entered as a result of this guilty plea does not remain in full force and effect, defendant agrees that any dismissed charges and any other charges that are not time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations on the date this agreement is signed by ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT may be commenced against him, notwithstanding the expiration of the limitations period after ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT signs the agreement.

Sentencing

The violation of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1326(a) and (b)(2) to which ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT agrees to plead guilty carries a statutory maximum prison sentence of 20 years and a statutory maximum fine equal to the greatest of: (1) \$250,000; (2) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary gain that any persons derived from the offense; or (3) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary loss sustained by any victims of the offense. Fines imposed by the sentencing judge may be subject to the payment of interest.

The sentence to be imposed upon ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT is within the sole discretion of the sentencing judge, subject to the provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3551-3742, and the sentencing judge's consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines. The United States Sentencing Guidelines are advisory, not mandatory. The sentencing judge may impose any reasonable sentence up to and including the statutory maximum term of imprisonment and the maximum statutory fine. This Office cannot and does not make any representation or promise as to what guideline range may be found by the sentencing judge, or as to what sentence ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT ultimately will receive.

Further, in addition to imposing any other penalty on ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT, the sentencing judge: (1) will order ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT to pay an assessment of \$100 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013, which assessment must be paid by the date of sentencing; and (2) pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583, may require ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT to serve a term of supervised release of not more than 3 years, which will begin at the expiration of any term of imprisonment imposed. Should ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT be placed on a term of supervised release and subsequently violate any of the conditions of supervised release before the expiration of its term, ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT may be sentenced to not more than 2 years' imprisonment in addition to any prison term previously imposed, regardless of the statutory maximum term of imprisonment set forth above and without credit for time previously served on post-release supervision, and may be sentenced to an additional term of supervised release.

Rights of This Office Regarding Sentencing

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, this Office reserves its right to take any position with respect to the appropriate sentence to be imposed on ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT by the sentencing judge, to correct any misstatements relating to the sentencing proceedings, and to provide the sentencing judge and the United States Probation Office all law and information relevant to sentencing, favorable or otherwise. In addition, this Office may inform the sentencing judge and the United States Probation Office of: (1)

this agreement; and (2) the full nature and extent of ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT'S activities and relevant conduct with respect to this case.

Stipulations

This Office and ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT agree to stipulate at sentencing to the statements set forth in the attached Schedule A, which hereby is made a part of this plea agreement. This agreement to stipulate, however, cannot and does not bind the sentencing judge, who may make independent factual findings and may reject any or all of the stipulations entered into by the parties. To the extent that the parties do not stipulate to a particular fact or legal conclusion, each reserves the right to argue the existence of and the effect of any such fact or conclusion upon the sentence. Moreover, this agreement to stipulate on the part of this Office is based on the information and evidence that this Office possesses as of the date of this agreement. Thus, if this Office obtains or receives additional evidence or information prior to sentencing that it determines to be credible and to be materially in conflict with any stipulation in the attached Schedule A, this Office shall not be bound by any such stipulation. A determination that any stipulation is not binding shall not release either this Office or ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT from any other portion of this agreement, including any other stipulation. If the sentencing court rejects a stipulation, both parties reserve the right to argue on appeal or at postsentencing proceedings that the sentencing court was within its discretion and authority to do so. These stipulations do not restrict this Office's right to respond to questions from the Court and to correct misinformation that has been provided to the Court.

Waiver of Appeal and Post-Sentencing Rights

As set forth in Schedule A, this Office and ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT waive certain rights to file an appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion after sentencing, including but not limited to an appeal under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 or a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

Immigration Consequences

The defendant understands and agrees that he is not a citizen of the United States, and his guilty plea to the charged offense will result in his being subject to immigration proceedings and removed from the United States by making him deportable, excludable, or inadmissible, or ending his naturalization, if he is not already in that status. The defendant understands that the immigration consequences of this plea will be imposed in a separate proceeding before the immigration authorities. The defendant wants and agrees to plead guilty to the charged offense, knowing that the plea will result in his removal

from the United States. The defendant understands that he is bound by his guilty plea regardless of any immigration consequences of the plea. Accordingly, the defendant waives any and all challenges to his guilty plea and to his sentence based on any immigration consequences, and agrees not to seek to withdraw his guilty plea, or to file a direct appeal or any kind of collateral attack challenging his guilty plea, conviction, or sentence, based on any immigration consequences of his guilty plea.

Other Provisions

This agreement is limited to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey and cannot bind other federal, state, or local authorities. However, this Office will bring this agreement to the attention of other prosecuting offices, if requested to do so.

This agreement was reached without regard to any civil or administrative matters that may be pending or commenced in the future against ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT. This agreement does not prohibit the United States, any agency thereof (including the Internal Revenue Service and Immigration and Customs Enforcement), or any third party from initiating or prosecuting any civil or administrative proceeding against ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT.

No provision of this agreement shall preclude ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT from pursuing in an appropriate forum, when permitted by law, an appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion claiming that ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT received constitutionally ineffective assistance of counsel.

No Other Promises

This agreement constitutes the plea agreement between ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT and this Office and supersedes any previous agreements between them. No additional promises, agreements, or conditions have been made or will be made unless set forth in writing and signed by the parties.

Very truly yours,

PAUL J. FISHMAN United States Attorney

By: Thomas S. Kearney Special Asst. U.S. Attorney

APPROVED:

Jennifer Davenport Chief, General Crimes Unit I have received this letter from my attorney, Peter Kapitonov, Esq. My attorney and I have discussed it and all of its provisions, including those addressing the charge, sentencing, stipulations, waiver, and immigration consequences. I understand this letter fully. I hereby accept its terms and conditions and acknowledge that it constitutes the plea agreement between the parties. I understand that no additional promises, agreements, or conditions have been made or will be made unless set forth in writing and signed by the parties. I want to plead guilty pursuant to this plea agreement.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT

I have discussed with my client this plea agreement and all of its provisions, including those addressing the charge, sentencing, stipulations, waiver, and immigration consequences. My client understands this plea agreement fully and wants to plead guilty pursuant to it.

Peter Kapitonov, Esq.

Plea Agreement With ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT

Schedule A

- 1. This Office and ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT recognize that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are not binding upon the Court. This Office and ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT nevertheless agree to the stipulations set forth herein, and agree that the Court should sentence ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT within the Guidelines range that results from the total Guidelines offense level set forth below. This Office and ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT further agree that neither party will argue for the imposition of a sentence outside the Guidelines range that results from the agreed total Guidelines offense level.
- 2. The version of the United States Sentencing Guidelines effective November 1, 2014 applies in this case. The applicable guideline is U.S.S.G. § 2L1.2(a) which carries a Base Offense level of 8.
- 3. Specific Offense Characteristic U.S.S.G. § 2L1.2(b)(1)(A)(ii) applies because the defendant's prior conviction was for a crime of violence, that is Robbery, for which criminal history points were attributed. This Specific Offense Characteristic results in an increase of 16 levels.
- 4. As of the date of this letter, ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT has clearly demonstrated a recognition and affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility for the offense charged. Therefore, a downward adjustment of 2 levels for acceptance of responsibility is appropriate if ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT's acceptance of responsibility continues through the date of sentencing. See U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a).
- 5. As of the date of this letter, ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT has assisted authorities in the investigation or prosecution of his own misconduct by timely notifying authorities of his intention to enter a plea of guilty, thereby permitting this Office to avoid preparing for trial and permitting this Office and the court to allocate their resources efficiently. At sentencing, this Office will move for a further 1-point reduction in ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT's offense level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b) if the following conditions are met: (a) ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT enters a plea pursuant to this agreement, (b) this Office in its discretion determines that ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT's acceptance of responsibility has continued through the date of sentencing and ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT therefore qualifies for a 2-point reduction for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a), and (c) ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT's offense level under the Guidelines prior to the operation of § 3E1.1(a) is 16 or greater.

- 6. In accordance with the above, the parties agree that the total Guidelines offense level applicable to ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT is 21 (the "agreed total Guidelines offense level").
- 7. The parties agree not to seek or argue for any upward or downward departure, adjustment or variance not set forth herein. The parties further agree that a sentence within the Guidelines range that results from the agreed total Guidelines offense level of 21 is reasonable.
- 8. ANDREW MICHAEL WALCOTT knows that he has and, except as noted below in this paragraph, voluntarily waives, the right to file any appeal, any collateral attack, or any other writ or motion, including but not limited to an appeal under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 or a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, which challenges the sentence imposed by the sentencing court if that sentence falls within or below the Guidelines range that results from the agreed total Guidelines offense level of 21. This Office will not file any appeal, motion, or writ which challenges the sentence imposed by the sentencing court if that sentence falls within or above the Guidelines range that results from the agreed total Guidelines offense level of 21. The parties reserve any right they may have under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 to appeal the sentencing court's determination of the criminal history category. The provisions of this paragraph are binding on the parties even if the Court employs a Guidelines analysis different from that stipulated to herein. Furthermore, if the sentencing court accepts a stipulation, both parties waive the right to file an appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion claiming that the sentencing court erred in doing so.
- 9. Both parties reserve the right to oppose or move to dismiss any appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion barred by the preceding paragraph and to file or to oppose any appeal, collateral attack, writ or motion not barred by the preceding paragraph.